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HOUSE RESOLUTION 393
By Stanley

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Sheila L. Mitchell for her outstanding professional accomplishments as a pharmacist and her diligent service to the Shelby County community.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as professional and community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Sheila L. Mitchell is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mitchell has a natural passion for helping others; and this noble ambition has led her to pursue a career in the field of pharmaceuticals; and

WHEREAS, a native of Ripley, Tennessee, Sheila L. Mitchell graduated as the Valedictorian of Ripley High School in 1971; after graduation, she attended the University of Tennessee at Martin for two years, where she earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average; and

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WHEREAS, Mrs. Mitchell later attended the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy in Memphis, where she graduated with highest honors, earning both her Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Pharmacy degrees; and

WHEREAS, in addition to these impressive academic achievements, Dr. Mitchell is also an alumna of the University of Southern California Executive Management Development Program Healthcare and a Leonard Davis Institute Fellow at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton Business School, where she completed the Executive Management Program for Pharmacy Leaders; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mitchell has diligently worked in various pharmacy positions; throughout her career in the health care industry she currently serves as the Director of Pharmacy and Material Services at the Methodist Hospital in Germantown, a position which she has occupied since 1986; and

WHEREAS, she has served in this capacity with great acumen and alacrity, earning the respect and admiration of her peers for her unwavering dedication to her profession; and

WHEREAS, an active member of her professional community, Dr. Mitchell has served in numerous professional organizations, including the American Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists' Council on Legal and Public Affairs, the Leonard Davis Institute Executive Board, the Memphis and Shelby County Pharmaceutical Association, the Memphis Area Pharmacists' Society, the American Pharmaceutical Association, the American Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists', the Tennessee Tripartite Council, the Tennessee Hospital Association Council on Clinical and Professional Practices, and the ASHP House of Delegates, which she served as the Tennessee Delegate; and

WHEREAS, she has also served as an Assistant Professor at the University of Tennessee and as a member of both the Admissions Committee and Alumni Board of Directors for the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mitchell is the past President of the Tennessee Society of Healthcare Pharmacists and will complete her term as President of the Tennessee Pharmacists Association in July 2002; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her professional accomplishments, Dr. Mitchell has served in numerous civic organizations, including the Board of Directors of the Poplar Pike Playhouse Arts Guild, the Methodist Healthcare Foundation, Leadership Germantown, and Goals for Memphis; and

WHEREAS, she has also garnered numerous honors and awards for her professional and civic achievements, including the 1999 Tennessee Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists President's Award of Excellence, the 2002 Tennessee Society of Health Systems Pharmacists Outstanding Pharmacy Practice Site Award, and recognition as a member of the Leadership Germantown Class of 2000; and

WHEREAS, a woman of deep religious conviction, Dr. Mitchell is a member of the Bellevue Baptist Church, where she sings in the choir; and

WHEREAS, her professional and civic accomplishments aside, Sheila L. Mitchell is fortunate to share love and companionship with her husband, Tom, and their two children, Ashley and Blake; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mitchell epitomizes the sterling character and stalwart determination that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Sheila L. Mitchell is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor and commend Dr. Sheila L. Mitchell for her outstanding professional accomplishments as a

pharmacist and her exemplary service to the Shelby County community and the people of the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.